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SUMMARY. CONFERENCE ROOM PAPERS (CRP) 15, 29, 27, 32, 34
AND 43 APPROVED AT PM SESSION ECLA. DISCUSSION OF CRP
30, MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS ENDED WITH USDEL VOTING
AGAINST ONE OPERATIVE PARA AND AGAINST RES IN
23-1-0 VOTE. END SUMMARY.

1. PLENARY SESSION MARCH 30 PM DEALT WITH ITEM 15, HUMAN
RIGHTS . CRP 15 AS MODIFIED SLIGHTLY IN WORKING GROUP WAS
APPROVED BY CONSENSUS. USDEL DELIVERED QUALIFICATIONS TO
AFFIRMATIVE VOTE AS INSTRUCTED AND REQUESTED THAT THE
RECORD REFLECT THOSE RESERVATIONS. THE UK ALSO RESERVED
ITS POSITION ON THE RES SINCE IT HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS.

2. CRP 29, STOCKPILES WAS PRECEDED BY EXPLANATION OF VOTE
BY FRANCE, NETHERLANDS, CANADA AND JAMAICA (ALL
ABSTENTIONS) AND THE US VOTING AGAINST THE RES. USDEL
EXPLAINED VOTE AS PER INSTRUCTION AND REQUESTED THAT HIS
REMARKS BE ENTERED INTO RECORD. SUBSEQUENT TO THE VOTE
REPS OF BOLIVIA, CHILE AND CIBA MADE BRIEF STATEMENTS
SUPPORTING THE RES.

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3. DISCUSSION OF CRP 30, MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS WAS PRECEDED BY THE SECRETARY READING AMENDMENTS AGREED TO THE RES IN WORK GROUP. AMB ZAGORIN MADE STATEMENT EMPHASIZING OPPOSITION TO THE RES DUE TO FACT THAT THE SUBJECT BEING DEALT WITH IN OTHER PARTS OF UN SYSTEM AND BECAUSE DRAFT ONESIDED AND PREJUDICIAL. HE SPOKE SPECIFICALLY OF ECOSOC RES 1721 (LII), THE FACT THAT THAT RES HAD BEEN ACCEPTED UNANIMOUSLY WITH FULL US PARTICIPATION IN ITS DRAFTING. HE ADDED THAT THE ECOSOC RES WAS NONPREJUDICIAL AND HAD ENGAGED UN SYSTEM IN STUDY. HE SAID THAT ANY ECLA STUDY WOULD DUPLICATE AND INTERFERE WITH ECOSOC STUDY AND ECLA STUDY MIGHT POSSIBLY IMPAIR THOSE ONGOING OPERATIONS UNDER THE ECOSOC RES. HE DESCRIBED ECLA RES AS PREJUDICIAL, ONESIDED, AND VERGING ON THE EXTREME, AND FURTHER CONTRASTED THE SERIOUSNESS BETWEEN THE ECOSOC AND ECLA RESES AS SEEN BY DIFFERENT APPROACHES TOWARD OBJECTIVITY. HE REQUESTED THAT THE SECRETARIAT'S RECORD REFLECT OUR NEGATIVE VIEW ON THE RES.

4. THE CHILEAN REP THEN DEFENDED THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE ECOSOC RES AND THE MEXICAN AND CUBAN REPS SUPPORTED THE CHILEAN. THE CANADIAN REP SAID HE WOULD ABSTAIN WHILE THE DUTCH REP REQUESTED THAT THE VOTE BE DELAYED UNTIL CONSULTATIONS WITH THE COSPONSORS COULD TAKE PLACE. THE CHAIR ANNOUNCED THAT A WORKING GROUP COMPOSED OF THE US, BRAZIL, CHILE, THE NETHERLANDS AND MEXICO WOULD MEET TO REVIEW THE RES AND FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF THE RES WAS THUS PUT OFF.

5. CRP 27, CURACAO MEETING, WAS THEN APPROVED WITH THE UK RESERVING ITS POSITION. THE US SUPPORTED THE RES WITH STATEMENT AS SET OUT IN INSTRUCTION. CRP 32, EXTERNAL DEBT WAS APPROVED. THE US DEL MADE BRIEF STATEMENT, EXPRESSING AGREEMENT WITH OBJECTIVE OF COLLECTING RELIABLE DATA ON THIS PROBLEM BUT EXPRESSED DOUBT REGARDING PREAMBULAR PARA 1 WHICH APPEARED TO PREJUDGE THE STUDY'S OUTCOME.

6. CRP 34, REV 1 ON PERMANENT SOVEREIGNTY WAS THEN DEALT WITH. THE US ABSTAINED WITH STATEMENT FOR THE RECORD ALONG LINES OF INSTRUCTION. THE UNCLASSIFIED

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UK RESERVED ON PREAMBULAR PARAS 1 AND 2 WHILE

CANADA AND FRANCE ABSTAINED ON THE RES. FINALLY TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO WAS APPROVED AS THE SITE FOR THE 16 TH SESSION OF ECLA. EL SALVADOR HAD PREVIOUSLY WITHDRAWN ITS OFFER AND IN A BRIEF STATEMENT AGREED TO THE SELECTION OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

7. AFTER THREE HOUR SESSION WORKING ROUP PRODUCED A REDRAFT OF CRP 30, MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS, WITH WHICH US DID NOT ASSOCIATE IN WORKING GROUP. ESSENTIALLY THE REDRAFT WAS NEGOTIATED BETWEEN LAS AND THE NETHERLANDS.

8. AT 10:30 PM PLENARY RESUMED TO DEAL WITH CRP 30 AND REPORT. BRAZIL PRESENTED WORKING GROUP DRFAFT. THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY UK DEL ON BEHALF COMMON MARKET MEMBERS REFLECTING EAL ARRANGED PRIOR PLENARY DISCUSSION. INVOLVED CONSIDERABLE SOFTENING PREAMBULAR SECTION BY IDENTIFYING UNBALANCED VIEWS AS LA VIEWS IN EXCHANGE FOR COMMON MARKET MEMBER SUPPORT FOR RES.

9. US NOTED WORKING GROUP HAD AGREED TO REPLACE WORD " BEHAVIOR" BY " OPERATIONS" AND TO DELETE WORD " SPECIFIC" IN OPERATIVE PARAS. CHILE DELEGATE AGREED ABOUT FIRST BUT STRONGLY RESISTED REMOVING WORD " SPECIFIC" FROM OPERATIVE PARA TWO. USDEL SAID US COULD NOT ACCEPT THIS INDICATION OF AN INTENT TO TARGET INDIVIDUAL COMPANIES FOR INVESTIGATION BY ECLA SECRETARIAT AND STRESSED THIS WAS WHOLLY INAPPROPRIATE ACTIVITY TO BE SUPPORTED OR ARRANGED BY ANY UN BODY.

10. AFTER DISCUSSION ABOUT WORD " SPECIFIC" RESULTED IN REFUSAL OF COSPONSORS TO DELETE IT, VOTE CAME OUT AS FOLLOWS: PREAMBULAR SECTION TAKEN TOGETHER 22-0-1 (US); FIRST OPERATIVE PARA 22-0-1 (US) ; SECOND OPERATIVE PARA 21-1 (US)-0; THIRD OPERATIVE PARA 24 (US)-0-0. RES AS A WHOLE ADOPTED 23-1(US)-0.

11. AFTER VOTE CHILE DELEGATE TOOK FLOOR STRONGLY ATTACKING US VOTE ON RES AND WELCOMING CANADA AND UK AS ASSOCIATES WITH THE MAJORITY " AGAINST THE ENEMY OF US ALL IN TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. "

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12. USDEL DEPLORED INTEMPERATE REMARK AS NOT WORTHY OF CHILE DELEGATE, CHILEAN GOVT OR THIS CONFERENCE. HE ADDED THIS WAS PARTICULARLY THE CASE WHEN US HAD ALREADY BEEN PART OF CONSENSUS ON MTN RES. HE AGAIN EXPRESSED DOUBTS

ABOUT ONESIDEDNESS OF RES AND FELT ECLA STUDY NOT NEEDED.
WAS ESPECIALLY OPPOSED TO RETENTION OF WORD " SPECIFIC."

13. UK AND CANADA THEN TOOK FLOOR TO DISASSOCIATE
THEMSELVES COMPLETELY FROM CHILE REMARKS. MANY OTHER
DELEGATES PRIVATELY TOLD USDEL THEY FELT THE SAME WAY.

14. DELEGATES THEN QUICKLY RECEIVED FINAL REPORT, APPROVED
CLOSING RES FOR ECOSOC AND HEARD THREE FINAL SPEECHES.

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